

East Jemez Resources Council Meeting Minutes

June 17, 2004

Attendees:

Jeff Lyon	Santa Clara Pueblo
Jason Garcia	Santa Clara Pueblo
John Mack	Bandelier NM
Greg Kuyumjian	Forest Service
Debra Allen-Reid	Forest Service Regional Office
Bob Parmenter	Valles Caldera National Preserve
Brad Vierra	LANL-ECO
Michelle Cummer	LANL-ECO
Sam Loftin	LANL-ECO

Brad Vierra gave an update on the Cultural Resource Working Group:

1. There is a San Ildefonso rehabilitation crew looking for work. The working group discussed the possibility of establishing a regional cultural resources rehab crew that would operate out of Bandelier NM and be available to work with all agencies.
2. The group discussed the issue that UNM is considering selling its Cochiti Land Grant property and there is some controversy over the future disposition and protection of the cultural resources at the site.
3. John Mack initiated discussion about regional C.R. database. Brad emphasized that while there are many advantages to such a database, there are also many drawbacks that need to be resolved.
4. Bob Parmenter announced that the VCNP had begun the EIS process to build a facility that would house the C.R. museum. He also mentioned that the current energy bill has language to “take” and retire outstanding mineral rights on the VCNP.

Michelle Cummer gave a presentation on Jemez Mountain salamander and current and future management implications.

1. The salamander is endemic to the Jemez Mountains and is listed as threatened by the State.
2. The salamander working group would like to cooperate with Federal agencies to develop a more comprehensive monitoring program, particularly with respect to determining the distribution, transmission and impact of chitrid fungus on this species.

Round Table Discussion:

Jason Garcia and Jeff Lyon (Santa Clara Pueblo)

1. Discussed Puye wall stabilization project
2. Announced that the Pueblo had acquired 100 acres in Garcia Canyon.

Bob Parmenter (VCNP)

1. Discussed a joint NSF, USGS, LANL, and VCNP funded project to sample ancient lake bed cores.
2. The livestock program is up and running with a cow/calf operation. The livestock program will probably be changed to get more involvement from local ranchers.
3. Four out of nine VCT board members will retire in January.

Deb Allen-Reid (Forest Service Regional Office)\

1. Letters are out asking for participation in annual aerial survey for bark beetle damage. They intend to reassess approximately 5 million acres of p-j.
2. John Mack asked about using LANDSAT imagery for this purpose. Deb answered that this generally doesn't work well. Too difficult to distinguish dead trees from bare soil and other substrates.